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THE ENTOMOGENOUS FUNGI

October was an unusually rainy month in Florida. According to the Weather Bureau the average for the state was 8.28 inches above normal, and only one station in peninsular Florida (New Smyrna) reported a deficiency. There was not a single day without rain at some station. Due undoubtedly to this meteorological condition the entomogenous fungi have been unusually efficient this fall thruout the citrus belt. A careful count of some hundreds of citrus leaves at Gainesville showed that the fungi had killed 97.2% of the fall brood of whitefly—a percentage of kill seldom equalled in commercial spraying. In the order of their efficiency the fungi ranked as follows: the brown fungus, the red aschersonia, *Microcera*, the cinnamon fungus.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Bulletin 165 of the Experiment Station and the October number of the Quarterly Bulletin of the State Plant Board are of unusual interest and importance to Florida and other cotton-growing states. In this bulletin Mr. Geo. D. Smith presents "A Preliminary Report Upon an Improved Method of Controlling the Boll Weevil". "The gist of the method may be summarized in two sentences, as follows:

1. Remove all squares from the cotton plants about June 5 and destroy them.
2. Follow this at once with a thoro application of calcium arsenate or lead arsenate, using a suitable dusting machine."